GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CAPACITY OF SUGAR MILLS FOR GENERATING ELECTRICITY .
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated capacity of sugar mills to generate electricity;

(b) whether there is any plan to make such generation mandatory;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that functional sugar mills generate electricity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): The total potential of surplus power generation through bagasse based co-generation in sugar mills in the country has been estimated at 3500 MW.

(b)& (c): No, Sir.

(d): The steps taken include financial assistance provided, either by way of capital subsidy for co-operative/public sector sugar mills, or interest subsidy for private sector mills. The Central and State Governments also provide fiscal and financial incentivesincluding relief from taxes and duties, accelerated depreciation etc. Eight potential States have announced promotional policies for wheeling, banking, third-party sale and buy-back of electricity generated from bagasse co-generation projects. Soft loans are provided by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA). Financial assistance is also provided forpreparation of detailed project reports, organization of business/interaction meets and training programmes.